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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0793

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK

SUBJECT: GOB DELEGATION VISITS FRONTLINE CAPITOLS TO URGE MEETING

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

REF: A) LUSAKA 869 B) GABORONE 767

1. EXTAFF DEPUTY SECRETARY MPTOKWANE HAS INFORMED US THAT
EXTAFF MIN MOGWE AND PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT LEGWAILA LEFT GABORONE
FOR LUANDA MORNING MARCH 18 ON FIRST LEG OF TRIP THAT WILL TAKE THEM
ALSO TO LUSAKA, DAR, AND MAPUTO. OBJECTIVE OF TRIP IS TO
SUGGEST THAT FRONTLINE MEETING BE HELD AT EARLY DATE TO CONSIDER
NEXT STEPS IN RHODESIA NEGOTIATIONS. MPTOKWANE TOLD US THAT,
IF FRONTLINE MEETING IS HELD, GOB WOULD USE THAT FORUM TO URGE
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PF TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO MPOTOKWANE,
GOB FELT THAT ITS INFLUENCE WITH PF WOULD BE MUCH GREATER IN CONTEXT
OF FRONTLINE MEETING THAN IN BILATERAL CONTACTS.

2. COMMENT: IF REPORT OF FRONTLINE MEETING IN MOZAMBIQUE (REF A)
IS ACCURATE, GOB INITIATIVE MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY
EVENTS. NEVERTHELESS, IT REPRESENTS AN ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED

DECISION BY GOB TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SOLUTION
OF RHODESIA CRISIS. GIVEN GOB'S AFFINITY FOR MODERATE POLICIES
AND ITS CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF AAP, ITS NEW ACTIVISM COULD
BE HELPFUL IN COMING WEEKS.
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